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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re the Application of: **HOSHI, George et al.**

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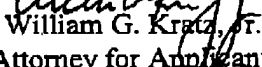
Sir:

Applicants filed an Appeal Brief in the above-identified U.S. patent application on December 30, 2008.

The last communication received by the undersigned on behalf of applicants in this matter from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was dated June 24, 2009. It is respectfully requested that U.S. Patent and Trademark Office inform the undersigned of the status of this appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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